

# Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board June 3, 2010

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded at 9:05 a.m. on June 3, 2010, in the Tempe History Museum Conference Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

City Staff Present:

Lisa Roach, Chair Anne Chandler Betty Enz Angela Lopez Shirley McKean Dr. Amy Douglass, Administrator - Tempe History Museum Jerri Copenhaver, Administrative Asst. - Tempe History Museum Adrienne Richwine, Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services

Mark Vinson, Principal Architect - Community Development

Shirley McKean Gerald Woodward

**Guest(s) Present:** 

Victor Linoff

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair Robert McKinley Korri Turner

Meeting convened at 9:05 a.m.

Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

# Agenda Item 1 - Ratification of Prior Actions and Information from May 6, 2010, per Arizona Open Meeting Law (A.R.S. §38-431.02 Notice of Meetings)

• MOTION: Betty Enz moved to approve the ratification of prior actions and

information from May 6, 2010, per Arizona Open Meeting Law

(A.R.S. §38-431.02 Notice of Meetings).

SECOND: Anne Chandler seconded.

DECISION: Ratification of Prior Actions and Information from May 6, 2010,

per Arizona Open Meeting Law (A.R.S. §38-431.02 Notice of

Meetings) approved.

ABSTENTION: Shirley McKean abstained from participating in the voting process.

# Agenda Item 2 - Consideration of April 1, 2010, Meeting Minutes

• MOTION: Betty Enz moved to approve the April 1, 2010, Tempe Historical

**Museum Advisory Board Meeting Minutes document.** 

SECOND: Anne Chandler seconded.

DECISION: April 1, 2010, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Meeting

Minutes document approved.

# ABSTENTION: Shirley McKean abstained from participating in the voting process.

#### **Agenda Item 3 - Communications**

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, reported that Angela Lopez is a newly-appointed member of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Advisory Board). Lisa Roach, Museum Advisory Board Chair, asked A. Lopez to relay her background information to the Museum Advisory Board members.
- A. Lopez stated that she is a Phoenix native and Arizona State University (ASU)
  graduate; Lopez further indicated that she looks forward to being able to contribute to
  the success of the Tempe History Museum as a member of the Museum Advisory
  Board.
- L. Roach, City of Tempe staff members and the remaining Museum Advisory Board members introduced themselves and welcomed A. Lopez to the meeting.
- Dr. Douglass announced that the Tempe History Museum is being featured in the "New Museums Debuting" section within *Museum Magazine*; Dr. Douglass explained that *Museum Magazine* is the country's premier trade magazine for the museum industry. Douglass circulated the magazine and further reported that Gyroscope, Inc. submitted a congratulatory add on behalf of the Tempe History Museum that was also featured within the same issue of *Museum Magazine*.
- L. Roach presented the Museum Advisory Board members with two City of Tempe Public Meeting notices related to proposed transportation updates for Tempe's south corridor; L. Roach encouraged the board members to attend one of following meetings:
  - 6 to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, June 15; Chandler Fashion Square Community Room
  - 6 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, June 16; Pyle Adult Recreation Center Multipurpose Room Space

#### Agenda Item 4 - Report: Eisendrath and O'Connor Houses

- Mark Vinson, Principal Architect City of Tempe Community Development Department, introduced himself to the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Advisory Board) members, thanked the board members for granting him the opportunity to speak to them and further stated that he served as the original historic preservation officer for the City of Tempe.
- M. Vinson distributed materials to the Museum Advisory Board members related to the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability. Vinson further provided the board members with a description of the Campus' area; Vinson highlighted the following areas within the Campus:
  - Area Extending to Papago Park (Southeast Tempe)
  - Xeriscape Garden
  - Greenline
  - Eisendrath House
  - O'Connor House
  - Area Extending to Tempe Town Lake (Including New Boat House)
- M. Vinson reported that the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability enables Tempe to continue to exist in the always-changing environment and sustain itself as a community, not only in an environmental sense, but also in an economic sense. Vinson added that the Campus makes Tempe viable and relevant.

- M. Vinson acknowledged that he is directly involved with the Eisendrath and O'Connor House projects; Vinson reported that the relocation and restoration of the O'Connor House is essentially complete. Vinson further acknowledged the Rio Salado Foundation's fundraising involvement and efforts for both the Eisendrath and the O'Connor House projects.
- M. Vinson provided the Museum Advisory Board members with a report related to the history of the Eisendrath House; Vinson indicated that the City of Tempe purchased the Eisendrath House in 2001. Vinson stated that the City is researching the best ways in which to preserve the house; Vinson added that further restoration and construction jobs related to the project will be completed in phases. Vinson further encouraged the Museum Advisory Board members to attend an outdoor fundraiser on the grounds of the Eisendrath House on Friday, Oct. 22, titled, "Blues and BBQ."
- M. Vinson facilitated a DVD presentation related to the Eisendrath House.
- M. Vinson explained that the O'Connor House will be used for public policy meetings and will be titled, "Center for Civic Discourse."

# Agenda Item 5 - Budget Report

 Adrienne Richwine, Community Services Department Deputy Director - Library and Cultural Services Division, confirmed that the proposed .2-cent sales tax increase that was placed on the May 18 Tempe-specific ballot (not including a tax on food) passed. Richwine further reported that the Tempe City Council continues to move forward according to its fiscal year 2010-2011 line item budget plans.

# Agenda Item 6 - Fundraising Event

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Advisory Board) Chair, stated that she intends to meet with Anne Chandler and Korri Turner, Museum Advisory Board members, and discuss the proposed Double Butte Cemetery Fundraiser Tour.
- L. Roach stated that she communicated with Shawn Wagner, Recreation Administrator City of Tempe Community Services Department, and staff liaison to the Double Butte Cemetery Advisory Committee, her intent to attend the June, 2010, meeting of the Double Butte Cemetery Committee.
- L. Roach explained that the event plans continue to move forward in relation to the (cemetery) fundraising tour; Roach explained that 13 individuals have been identified as "stops" along the walking tour within the Double Butte Cemetery.
- L. Roach confirmed that the date of the cemetery tour is Oct. 30, 2010; Roach explained that the fundraising tour is tentatively scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. and will be approximately 90 minutes in length.
- L. Roach further reported that she has communicated with several area historians and has asked them to serve as tour guides; Roach stated that she is waiting for confirmation related to their ability to attend the event.
- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, inquired about the tour guides; L. Roach explained that guides may participate in character, if they'd like.
- L. Roach reported that each tour guide will receive a script; Roach added that the Tempe History Museum Docents will also participate in the tour.

- Dr. Douglass suggested that the Double Butte Cemetery Fundraiser Tour be a discussion item on the agenda for the next meeting of the History Museum Interpreters Committee.
- Anne Chandler stated that she will be unavailable to meet regarding the fundraising tour June 26 through August 6; Chandler confirmed that she will be available to communicate with L. Roach via email message. Roach further suggested meeting via webinar.

# <u>Agenda Item 7 - Election of Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Members</u>

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Advisory Board) Chair, initiated discussion related to the executive representation of the Museum Advisory Board. Roach confirmed that she presently serves as Chair; Roach further stated that Julie Syrmopoulos presently serves as Vice Chair of the board.
- MOTION: Anne Chandler moved to recommend that the following slate of officers continue to serve as the executive representation of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board for a term of one year:
  - Lisa Roach, Chair
  - Julie Syrmopoulos, Vice Chair

SECOND: Betty Enz seconded.

**DECISION:** Retention of the current slate of officers approved.

ABSTENTION: Lisa Roach abstained from participating in the voting process.

#### Agenda Item 8A - Petersen House Endowment Committee

- Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, explained that Tempe
  Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Advisory Board) member discussion (in
  previous meetings) indicates that the name of the Petersen House Endowment
  Committee needs to be altered. Lisa Roach, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board
  Chair, stated that there is a need to generate a blended, educational endowment and
  fundraising committee to serve as representation of the Museum Advisory Board to
  support programming, projects and exhibitions within the Tempe History Museum.
- Dr. Douglass acknowledged that a motion needs to be placed on a future agenda to alter the name of a formal City of Tempe Board and/or Commission Subcommittee; Dr. Douglass suggested that the Petersen House Endowment Committee discussions be tabled for further investigation.
- Angela Lopez inquired about the current use of the Petersen House Endowment Fund;
   Dr. Douglass explained that the endowment fund is utilized to purchase educational objects for programming within the Petersen House.

#### Agenda Item 8B: Public Programs Committee

- Shirley McKean, Public Programs Committee Representative, stated that she attended a meeting that addressed the following programming ideas for the Tempe History Museum's Community Room:
  - Weekend Films
  - Friday Storytelling
  - Performances at the Museum
  - Guest Speakers

- S. McKean encouraged the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board members to attend an event titled, "A Tribute to the Wallace and Ladmo Show." McKean reported that the event is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, in the Tempe History Museum's Community Room. McKean further reported that the event features the following:
  - Wallace (Bill Thompson)
  - Door Prizes (Ladmo Bags)
  - Videos
  - Speechifying
  - Joke-Telling
  - Memorabilia
  - Question and Answer Sessions
- S. McKean acknowledged that possible film-related programming at the Tempe History Museum may include films related to nature, BBC productions, Planet Earth films, archive-related films, films for youth that may tie-in to Tempe Public Library youth programming, movies filmed in Tempe, classic American West films, an Arizona State University (ASU) faculty-hosted film series and Open Call, an opportunity for local filmmakers to showcase their talents.

# Agenda Item 8C - Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee

- Anne Chandler, Policy, Procedures and Accessions (P.P.A.) Committee Representative, presented the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board with a statistics report compiled by Josh Roffler, Curator of Collections at the Tempe History Museum.
- A. Chandler reported that the P.P.A. Committee met and reviewed the remainder of the Tempe History Museum's provisional deposits. Chandler explained that discussion occurred related to all deposits that led to the elimination of the Museum's back-log of existing deposits.
- A. Chandler explained that the Museum's current provisional deposits arrived within recent weeks; Chandler confirmed that there are six total deposits - four new provisional deposits, one new loan and two new accessions (champagne flutes from New Years Eve, 2000, and a scrapbook from the Tempe Business and Professional Women's Club).

#### Agenda Item 8D - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

- Lisa Roach, Tempe Historic Preservation Commission Representative and Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, reported that the Tempe Historic Preservation Commission did not meet in May, 2010; Roach confirmed that the commission took a field trip to Flagstaff, Arizona, to attend a historic preservation conference. Roach added that the commission is scheduled to meet again in June, 2010; Roach reported that Victor Linoff attended the historic preservation conference in Flagstaff and facilitated a presentation about the Eisendrath House on behalf of the Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation.
- V. Linoff reported that Bob Gasser and Woody Wilson also attended the presentation and spoke about the preservation foundation and its activities. Linoff further stated that both he, B. Gasser and W. Wilson used the Eisendrath House as a case study to promote preservation, community involvement, engaging the private sector and

developing public and private partnerships. Linoff confirmed that 20 people attended the presentation.

### Agenda Item 8E - Tempe Historical Society

- Betty Enz, Tempe Historical Society Representative, reported that Monti's La Casa Vieja (in Tempe) played host to the society's annual meeting and luncheon on Saturday, May
   1. Enz further reported that Dr. F. Arturo Rosales was the keynote speaker at the event.
- B. Enz announced that Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, has booked Dr. Rosales to speak at the Tempe History Museum. Enz added that the Tempe Historical Society will not meet June through August, 2010; Enz further reported that the Society will reconvene in September, 2010.

# <u>Agenda Item 8F – Diversity Awareness Committee</u>

No report.

# Agenda Item 8G - Oral History Committee

 No report; Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, explained that the Oral History Committee will not meet until the vacant Curator of History position within the City of Tempe is filled.

# **Agenda Item 9 - Board Member Announcements**

No announcements.

#### Agenda Item 10 - Future Agenda Items

 Dr. Amy Douglass, Tempe History Museum Administrator, confirmed that Vince Murray, Tempe Historical Society President, will attend the Tempe Historical Advisory Board (Museum Advisory Board) meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2, in the Tempe History Museum Conference Room to present a report to the Museum Advisory Board members on behalf of the Tempe Historical Society.

The next Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board meeting is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. on Sept. 2 in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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